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Re: Amendment of Part of the Commission's Rules to Allocate Spectrum
Below 3 GHz for Mobile and Fixed Services to Support the Introduction
of New Advanced Wireless Services, including Third Generation Wireless
Systems, ET Docket No.00-258

Dear Ms. Salas:

Enclosed please find an original and four copies of the letter from Acting Assistant Secretary John F. Sopko, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce, to Chairman Powell in the above-captioned proceeding.

Please direct any questions you may have regarding this filing to the undersigned. Thank you for your cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Milton Brown
Acting Chief Counsel

Enclosures:

cc: The Honorable Michael K. Powell
The Honorable Susan Ness
The Honorable Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth
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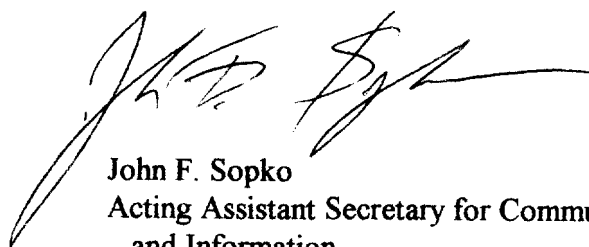
Dear Chairman Powell:

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), an Executive Branch agency within the Department of Commerce, manages and authorizes the Federal Government's use of the radio frequency spectrum. NTIA is the President's principal adviser on domestic and international telecommunications policy, including policies relating to the Nation's economic and technological advancement in telecommunications. NTIA's responsibilities include fostering new technology, encouraging the expansion of domestic wireless services, while ensuring that Federal agencies have adequate access to the spectrum to perform their critical missions.

NTIA has completed its final report on the potential for accommodating third generation advanced wireless mobile systems in the 1710-1850 MHz band. The analyses and cost data for Department of Defense (DOD) systems in this report are based on the DOD final report, included as Appendix D to the NTIA report, which should be considered as an integral part of the NTIA report. Cost data for the other Federal agencies were submitted separately by each agency.

NTIA hereby forwards this report to be included in the record of the above referenced proceeding. NTIA may make supplemental filings in the FCC proceeding with regard to the many issues raised in the NPRM and by the results of the NTIA and FCC studies. I look forward to working with you and your staff on this complex, but critical issue.

Sincerely,



John F. Sopko
Acting Assistant Secretary for Communications
and Information

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Appendix D

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